



City of Annapolis
Annapolis Heritage Commission
145 Gorman Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-2535

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September 8, 2014

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) of the City of Annapolis held its September 8, 2014 meeting at 145 Gorman Street Conference Room 3. Mr. Holland called the meeting to order at 5:12pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Haight, Engelke, Holland, McWilliams, Worden, Hayes-Williams, Bowen

Commissioners Absent: Chair Mack, Cropper, Clark, Ramirez

Staff: Craig-Board Liaison

The agenda was approved as submitted.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Worden moved approval of the June 4, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Ms. Engelke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 7-0.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Newman Park Kiosks

Ms. Hayes-Williams referred to language in the Newman Park deed that indicated use for only white children. She reported that former Alderman Israel requested that the name of the Newman Park be changed to Freedom Park. She provided the history behind the request explaining that the deed places restrictions that there be a playground built as part of the school for "white children" to use. Alderman Israel specifically requested the change in the name but fundraising is needed in order to accomplish these changes. Alderman Israel would like the park to be unveiled during the Emancipation events. She noted that there were other requests to name the park Richard Edison Israel Freedom Park. Alderman Budge provided a draft of the resolution language and requested that the AHC review the draft to provide feedback as well as ensure accuracy. The AHC asked that the location wording be worded so that it does not name the exact location of the park. Ms. Engelke suggested translating the signage wording into Spanish. Ms. Hayes-Williams described the four plaques indicating that one will describe the history of the park; there will be a dedication plaque for Alderman Israel; a plaque for the Brown versus Board of Education quote; and a plaque for the Dr. King quote. Mr. Holland will check into the amount of funds that the Rotary Club contributed, when the funds were contributed as well as if the Rotary Club is interested in contributing again. Ms. Hayes-Williams agreed to draft the language for the kiosks to distribute to AHC for review. Mr. Worden agreed to verify the language for the quote plaques. Ms. Hayes-Williams will also draft the language for the Alderman Israel plaque for AHC review. Ms. McWilliams will draft the language for the history plaque for the park, the constitution, and deed.

2. History Posted on City Website

Ms. Bowen moved that the AHC draft the history language so that it better reflects the actual history of Annapolis. Mr. Worden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Update

There are two members of the AHC that are up for reappointment so these members will continue to serve until either they are excused or reappointed.

Emancipation Committee

Ms. Hayes-Williams informed the AHC that as of November 1, the Emancipation Committee ceases to exist as the result of legislation so is working to get an extension. She reported that there is a whole year of events that need to be presented so is important the Committee continues to exist. She agreed to keep the AHC informed on the status.

Living Landmarks

Ms. Craig reported that an email was sent to the Mayor's office requesting December 2 or December 3, 2014 as a date for the Living Landmarks event. Ms. Wardlaw has set aside some time to do the filming at the event.

Camp Parole 2 Report

Ms. Craig thanked all that participated in the Camp Parole report. She and Mr. Toews informed P&Z staff that the Crystal Spring site is significant and most likely will include some archaeological discovery so recommend that there be archaeological oversight during construction. Ms. Craig will share the report with the AHC.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for a **December 3, 2014 at 5:00pm in Conference 3**. With there being no further business, Mr. Haight moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm. Mr. Worden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Engelke not present at vote)

Tami Hook, Recorder